GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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THREAT TO MARINE LIFE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether several major companies, oil refineries and industries have undertaken construction by encroaching upon the land of National Marine Park, forest land, CRZ land in Jamnagar district of Gujarat since January, 1997 till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the names of such companies, oil refineries and industries;

(c) whether any complaint have been received in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken against each of the encroachers?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) to (e) Central Government has accorded clearances to proposals received from oilrefineries and industries operating in Jamnagar District including Reliance Industries Ltd., Essar Oil Ltd., Indian Oil Corporation, Bharat Oman Refineries Ltd., Gujarat State Fertilizers Corporation Ltd. under the provision of Forest Conservation Act 1980, CRZ Notification 1991 and EIA Notification 1994 for the purposes of laying pipelines, jetty, approach road and related facilities. As encroachment of forest lands is a subject dealt by State Government under Indian Forest Act 1927 information from Government of Gujarat has been sought.